



collection changes coming soon

On October 5, 2010, the Raleigh City Council unanimously approved several changes to downtown refuse collection. Solid Waste Services staff collaborated with the Downtown Raleigh Alliance and the Glenwood South Merchants Alliance to craft the proposal. When fully implemented, you will see the following:

- Increase in monthly fees for garbage and recycling
- Expansion of six-day service to Glenwood South
- Option for Sunday collection of garbage and recycling

Why? These changes are necessary to sustain downtown garbage and recycling service for the future. Downtown Raleigh Recycles! was established in 2005 with \$12,750 from a state grant. Those grant funds allowed the City to purchase recycling carts and distribute them to participants at no charge. The monthly collection fee of \$30 was established at that time. This fee hasn't risen despite an increase in recycling collection from three days per week to six. The new rates will better reflect the City's actual costs for labor, fuel and equipment.

All customers will receive written notification of the new monthly rates and collection times. Customers will be given a chance to discontinue City service before the new fee takes effect.

dos & don'ts

In Raleigh, ALWAYS recycle:

- Glass bottles and jars (any color)
- Plastic bottles
- Metal food and beverage cans
- Newspaper, magazines and catalogs
- Gable-top cartons (e.g., milk, juice)
- Aseptic boxes (e.g. juice, broth)

- White paper (any color printing is okay)
- Corrugated cardboard (flattened/reduced to 3'x3')
- Paperboard boxes and tubes
- Plastic six-pack rings (soft kind only)
- Aluminum foil and trays (must be clean)

NOT recyclable in Raleigh:

- Polystyrene foam of any kind
- Drinking glasses
- Paper cups and plates
- Yogurt cups and margarine tubs

we ♥ new raleigh recyclers thank you for showing concern for our environment and economy.

- Benelux Café
- Builders of Hope
- Capital Club 16
- Downtown Raleigh Amphitheatre

- Natty Greene's Pub & Brewing Co.
- Raleigh Downtowner magazine
- Taz's (17 E. Martin St location)
- Turner Printing Services

Your participation helps us save landfill space, reduce energy consumption and support more than 14,000 jobs here in NC.

reduce, then recycle do even more.

Already recycling all that you can? If your blue cart is full, consider ways to make less waste in the first place. The Triangle J Council of Governments offers a free service to help your company reduce garbage, energy use and water consumption. Waste Reduction Partners is a group of retirees with expertise in fields such as engineering and the sciences. They have been trained to provide waste assessments for businesses, schools, and nonprofit organizations. Since 2000, Waste Reduction Partners has helped clients across North Carolina reduce utility costs by identifying strategies for using water and energy more efficiently. Visit <http://wastereductionpartners.com> or contact program administrator Sydney Jeffrey at [sjeffrey@tjcog.org](mailto:sjeffrey@tjcog.org) to get involved.

share your view we want your scoop (and their recycling)!

Have an idea, concern, question, or suggestion related to downtown Raleigh recycling? Want to recommend a business that should recycle? Contact: Bianca at [bianca.howard@raleighnc.gov](mailto:bianca.howard@raleighnc.gov) / 919.996.6782

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